

### Claims

1. A drive (10) for a device for raising a hood of a motor vehicle, comprising  
an energy storing unit, which drives an actuating member of a lifting mechanism  
coupled to the hood,  
5 an electromotor (16), by which the energy storing unit can be set into a tensioned  
state, and  
a locking element which in a rest position holds the energy storing unit in the  
tensioned state,  
characterized in that a carrier (26) is provided, moveable in a linear manner by the  
10 electromotor (16) and capable of being coupled selectively to the energy storing  
unit, the carrier by a first movement tensioning the energy storing unit and by a  
second movement releasing the locking element.
2. The drive according to Claim 1, characterized in that the carrier (26) is  
arranged on a threaded spindle (24) coupled to the motor (16).
- 15 3. The drive according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive (10)  
comprises a bearing shaft (22) mounted in a housing (12).
4. The drive according to Claim 3, characterized in that the energy storing  
unit comprises a spiral spring (18) and a coupling element (20) coupled non-  
rotatably to the bearing shaft (22), the spiral spring (18) being fastened by one end  
20 to the housing (12) and by the other end to the coupling element(20).
5. The drive according to Claim 3, characterized in that for tensioning the  
energy storing unit, the carrier (26) can be brought into engagement with a  
swivellable lever (28), which is coupled non-rotatably to the bearing shaft (22).

6. The drive according to Claim 5, characterized in that the locking element is a locking pawl (30) supported on the housing (12), the locking pawl in a rest position engaging and securing the lever (28).

7. The drive according to Claim 6, characterized in that the locking pawl (30)  
5 in its rest position rests on the carrier (26).

8. The drive according to Claim 1, characterized in that the actuating member is a hinge member (32) coupled non-rotatably to the bearing shaft (22).